

Committee Meetings

USDA—FEDERAL FUNDS TO OBTAIN SERVICES FROM PRIVATE CONTRACTORS

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to investigate the use, by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, of federal funds authorized under Section 17 of the Food Stamp Act to obtain services from private contractors. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, GAO: Keith Fultz, Assistant Comptroller General; Martin J. Fitzgerald, Associate General Counsel; and Mary L. Dietrich, Senior Evaluator; Ellen Haas, Under Secretary, Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, USDA; and public witnesses.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND THE JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and the Judiciary held a hearing on Trade Promotion and Enforcement and on Immigration and Border Security. Testimony was heard from Charlene Barshefsky, Acting U.S. Trade Representative; the following officials of the Department of Commerce: Stuart Eizenstat, Under Secretary, International Trade; and William S. Reinsch, Under Secretary, Export Administration; Peter S. Watson, Chairman, U.S. International Trade Commission; Joan Edelman Spero, Under Secretary, Economics, Business, and Agricultural Affairs, Department of State; the following officials of the Department of Justice: Doris Meissner, Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service; and Anthony C. Moscato, Director, Executive Office for Immigration Review; and Ruth A. Davis, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Consular Affairs, Department of State.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on all other Department of Labor (except OSHA) and on Occupational Safety and Health Administration and Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission. Testimony was heard from Joseph A. Dear, Assistant Secretary, Occupational Safety and Health, Department of Labor; and Stuart E. Weisberg, Chairman, Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission.

VETERANS AFFAIRS-HUD-INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Veterans' Affairs, Housing and Urban Development and Independent Agencies continued appropriation hear-

ings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress.

STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held an oversight hearing on the Future of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: C. Kyle Simpson, Associate Deputy Secretary, Energy Programs; and Jay E. Hakes, Administrator, Energy Information Administration; Jan Paul Acton, Assistant Director, Natural Resources and Commerce Division, CBO; and public witnesses.

PREVENTION PROGRAMS

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth and Families held a hearing on Prevention Programs under the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DOWNSIZING—PERSONNEL ISSUES

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Civil Service held a hearing on Personnel Issues in Downsizing. Testimony was heard from Representatives Wolf, Morella, and Hoyer; and public witnesses.

SUPERFUND

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, Natural Resources, and Regulatory Affairs held a hearing on Superfund: A Badly Broken Program in Urgent Need of Reform. Testimony was heard from Representative Mica; Stanley Czerwinski, Associate Director, Environmental Protection Issues, GAO; John C. Martin, Inspector General, EPA; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL STRATEGY

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs and Criminal Justice held an oversight hearing on the 1996 National Drug Control Strategy. Testimony was heard from Gen. Barry McCaffrey, USA, Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; SUBPOENAS

Committee on International Relations: Favorably considered the following resolutions and adopted a motion urging the Chairman to request that they be considered on the Suspension Calendar: H. Con. Res. 160, congratulating the people of the Republic of Sierra Leone on the success of their recent democratic multiparty elections; H. Con. Res. 165, saluting and congratulating Polish people around the world as, on

May 3, 1996, they commemorate the 205th anniversary of the adoption of Poland's first constitution; and H. Con. Res. 167, recognizing the 10th anniversary of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster, and supporting the closing of the Chernobyl nuclear power plant.

The Committee approved a motion authorizing issuance of subpoenas to compel testimony and documents from Charles E. Redman, Ambassador to Germany and Peter W. Galbraith, Ambassador to Croatia.

The Committee also approved a motion authorizing issuance of a subpoena to compel testimony and documents from Paul Neifert.

CRISIS IN LIBERIA

Committee on International Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa held a hearing on the Crisis in Liberia. Testimony was heard from George Moose, Assistant Secretary, African Affairs, Department of State; Vince Kern, Deputy Assistant Secretary, African Affairs, International Security Affairs, Department of Defense; and a public witness.

VICTIMS OF TORTURE

Committee on International Affairs: Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights held a hearing on Victims of Torture. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 2909, Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge Emminent Domain Prevention Act; and H.R. 2823, amended, International Dolphin Conservation Program Act.

BUDGET REQUEST—OFFICE OF ENERGY RESEARCH

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on the Department of Energy's FY 1997 budget request for the Office of Energy Research. Testimony was heard from Martha A. Krebs, Director, Office of Energy Research, Department of Energy; the following officials of various National Laboratories: John Peoples, Jr., Director, Fermi National Accelerator; David E. Moncton, Associate Director, Argonne; Alvin W. Trivelpiece, Director, Oak Ridge; Nicholas P. Samios, Director, Brookhaven; Charles V. Shank, Director, Lawrence Berkeley; and William J. Madia, Director, Pacific Northwest; and public witnesses.

MUSIC LICENSING AND SMALL BUSINESS

Committee on Small Business: Held an oversight hearing on music licensing and small business. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct: Met in executive session to consider pending business.

VETERANS LEGISLATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 3118, Veterans' Health Care Eligibility Reform Act of 1996; H.R. 3376, amended, to authorize major medical facility projects and major medical facility leases for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 1997; H.R. 3373, Veterans' Benefits Amendments of 1996; and H.R. 1483, to amend title 38, United States Code, to allow revision of veterans benefits decisions based on clear and unmistakable error.

VETERANS MATTERS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Education, Training, Employment and Housing and the Subcommittee on Compensation, Pension, Insurance and Memorial Affairs held a joint oversight hearing on the Court of Veterans Appeals Pro Bono Program; veterans' COLAs; and the *Davenport v. Brown* decision. Testimony was heard from Stephen L. Lemons, Deputy Under Secretary, Benefits, Department of Veterans Affairs; Frank Q. Nebeker, Chief Judge, U.S. Court of Veterans Appeals; David B. Isbell, Chairman, Veterans Consortium Pro Bono Program; and representatives of veterans organizations.

VETERANS LEGISLATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Hospitals and Health Care approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 3118, Veterans' Health Care Eligibility Reform Act of 1996; and H.R. 3376, amended, to authorize major medical facility projects and major medical facility leases for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 1997.

IMPACT OF 1993 TAX INCREASE ON TRANSPORTATION FUELS

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing to examine the Impact of the 1993 Tax Increase on Transportation Fuels. Testimony was heard from Representative Royce; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 9, 1996

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the Immigration and Naturalization Service and the Bureau